

# FISHER SUMMMER GLOBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



*Madrid, Spain*



## DESCRIPTION

My STEP Signature Project took place this past summer of 2019 and was the Fisher College of Business' Summer Global Internship Project in Madrid, Spain. I was placed at a real estate consulting firm known as CBRE and completed an internship in the occupier division of their industrial/logistics sector working roughly 8 unpaid hours a day 5 days a week for 2 months. In my position, I collaborated with small team on tasks and preparation of presentations, Excel tools, maps, and videos, balancing a great deal of different deliverables in both English and Spanish on a weekly basis. I worked closely with senior consultants to help lead large project for Shell, participating in calls, presenting progress reports, as well as finding creative solutions to deliver results in accordance with desired project timeline.



## OVERVIEW

Name	Amanda Kall
Advisor	Anne Krabacher
Major, Minor	Finance, Spanish
Project Category	Internship
Duration	8 Weeks
Budget	\$10,441 +

## WHY I CHOSE THIS PROJECT

Watching my sister go abroad to Italy and listening to her discuss about how much she enjoyed working at an internship with a small Italian sales company while I was merely studying Spanish as a high school student left me daydreaming about following a similar path as her one day. Throughout the seven years I have been studying Spanish, it became my favorite class and subject of study. Although my primary focus is finance, I knew I aspired to perfect my Spanish and improve upon my current knowledge and declared it as my minor. The courses I have taken thus far at Ohio State have allowed me to drastically improve upon my Spanish speaking and writing skills and have given me the confidence that is necessary to fully function in a Spanish-speaking country. Last year, one of the most engaging classes I took was focused on Spanish society and the arts. The class gave an in-depth look at Spanish visual, written, and performing arts and architecture, as well relate the works to the history and surrounding artistic movements that penetrated the country. I feel very fortunate to have taken and become so inspired by this class as it solidified Spain as my dream destination to gain work experience while exploring all of the aspects of Spanish society and language that I am so eager to see and learn about first-hand. I also thought the uncertainty surrounding my future placement for this project was ideal for me to gain exposure in the real world, as I was extremely uncertain in my career path going into this summer and was able to gain lots of clarity in my experience.

## MY TRANSFORMATION

This project was my first time ever venturing to Europe, gaining real corporate experience in the form of an internship, and not being a resident in an Ohio for the first time in my life. Among these and other first-time experiences, it's safe to say that these two months were completely new and different from anything I'd ever experienced before. Thus, it's hard to pinpoint super specific parts of my personality, views, and self-identity that drastically changed because fundamentally, I'm always changing. I do think however, some key takeaways from this experience are important to emphasize. I obviously gained a profound understanding of the Spanish culture from immersing myself in the lifestyle and from all those I worked with and met along the way. Personally, for example, I became much more confident in planning/traveling, in the workplace, and in my ability to speak Spanish for work purposes or tourism purposes. In other ways though, there were still feelings of self-consciousness in the workplace and just as being viewed as an American tourist in general. However, those are still valuable learning experiences in my opinion, as basically the entirety of my internship abroad was a valuable learning experience (and just a downright incredible experience in general). My transformation can be broadly outlined in terms of personal growth, professional growth, and a newfound love and appreciation for living on my own, traveling, learning, growing, working, and so much more.

